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SAN MATEO AVENUE STREETSCAPE PROJECT UNDERWAY

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On April 8, the Mayor and City Council, local merchants, residents, City staff, and the City's construction contractor celebrated the formal groundbreaking for the long-awaited improvements to the downtown San Mateo Avenue streetscape. The overgrown street trees that were contributing to damage of pavement, sidewalks, curb and gutters, and utilities have been removed along the street, and many of the damaged "bulb-outs" in the curb line have been removed in preparation for reconstruction or to be replaced by new on-street parking spaces. Questions about the project should be directed to the San Bruno Public Works Department – Engineering Division at (650) 616-7065.

Thanks, San Bruno!

Over 300 citizens participated in this year's Operation Clean Sweep, held on May 4, 2002. Thanks for your help in making San Bruno a better place to live.



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SAN BRUNO RECREATION SIZZLES IN THE SUMMER

The Recreation Services Department has created new and exciting programs for the community. Camps, Aquatics, and Special Events for all ages are just some of the activities the community can look forward to. For additional information on any of the programs, contact the San Bruno Recreation Services Department at (650) 616-7180.

This summer, camp programs will be expanded to include new programs for children 4-14 years old. Mini Kaleidoscope (for children 4-6 years old) gives parents the option of a half-day or a full day of camp. Camp Kaleidoscope is a full-day camp for children 7-11 years old. Both day camps offer children a variety of activities such as arts & crafts, games, sports, music, drama, cooking, local field trips, wildlife presentations, special carnival and Olympic events, and much more. These camps are centrally located in beautiful San Bruno City Park.

Teens and Pre-teens looking for fun activities this summer don't have to look any further than the Recreation Services Department. Programs have been expanded to include a camp and some weekend activities. Adventure Camp, for 11-14 year olds, will take kids on daily field trips with the supervision of trained department staff. Trips can range from bowling, pizza, a movie, to the Giants Game, Great America, and Raging Waters! "Saturday Nights at the Park" is packed full of fun and exciting activities, games, and contests for 11-15 year olds. Admission is only \$2 to participate in events such as Fear Factor Night, SNP Olympics, Video Game Challenge, and more.

The Summer Aquatics program has been expanded to include evening and weekend swim lessons for all ages as well as private lessons taught by our exceptional staff. As always, lessons, lap swim, water aerobics, and recreational swim will anchor the aquatics



swim season. Registration for swim lessons and camps are taken at the Recreation Department in San Bruno City Park. The pool will be open on a limited schedule beginning June 1 and daily beginning June 22!

For the 50+ "Fun Seekers," the Senior Center will be sponsoring its 3rd annual "August Summer Fun" Week from August 19-23, 2002. This year activities will include Bocce Ball, Softball, Billiards, Water Aerobics, and Ping Pong. The emphasis is on fun and participation, but some of the events offer tournaments or competition for individuals to test their skills against others. This year, August Summer Fun will culminate with a Luau on Friday, August 23, which will include an awards presentation. All events are free and held at the San Bruno Senior Center or City Park Facilities. For more information or to register for an event, contact Mary

Tessier at (650) 616-7152.

To round things out this summer, we have a few special events fun for the entire community. San Bruno will watch the San Francisco Giants take on the Colorado Rockies at San Bruno Community Night at Pac Bell Park, Friday, July 12. Tickets are on sale at the Recreation Department for only \$15 each. Make A Circus, a non-profit interactive circus troupe, will be in San Bruno City Park on Friday, August 9, at 12:00 noon to bring the community an outstanding circus show. The program is free to everyone and open to circus lovers of all ages. The Clean Sweep Flea Market in San Bruno City Park will be held on Saturday, July 27, and Saturday, September 21. Finally, the Concerts at the Rotary Pavilion series will be held in San Bruno City Park during the months of July and August.

CONCERTS AT THE ROTARY PAVILION

FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 5:30PM

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 1PM

Sunday, July 21
The Jack Aces
Rock & Roll

Friday, July 26
Second Nature
Traditional Jazz

Friday, August 9
**Brian Wachhorst &
Jay Middleton**
Classic Acoustic Rock

Sunday August 18
**Hurricane Sam
& The Hotshots**
Boogie, Blues & Jazz

Friday, August 23
Harry Best & Shabang
Caribbean Style

Sunday, August 25
Pat Ryan's Keltic Junket
Contemporary & Traditional Celtic music

PROGRESS ON NEW HUNTINGTON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS



The new Huntington Avenue improvements, funded as one of the project mitigation measures by the BART-to-SFO West Bay Extension project, will result in a median landscaped parkway street section from San Bruno Avenue to Sneath Lane. Recent improvements shown in these project-progress photos include the completion of the paving of the San Bruno Avenue intersection in March, and the installation of concrete improvements and grading of the roadway section under the I-380 overpass in preparation for additional roadway paving scheduled for May and June.

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“BRUNOLAND” AT

The San Bruno Fire Department participated in “destructive” fire service training at the former Navy site during the month of April. As guests of TMG Partners and Regis Homes, the Fire Department planned training scenarios and coordinated joint fire agency training on the 20-acre site containing over 20 buildings. During 12 scheduled days at the affectionately dubbed “Brunoland” fire training site, over 400 firefighters, including over 125 engine, ladder-truck, and rescue companies from San Bruno and most other fire departments in San Mateo County, participated. The firefighters entered simulated smoke-filled rooms to perform search and rescue skills, firefighter self-rescue skills, roof-cutting operations, forcible entry of exterior and interior doors and walls, as well as interior fire attack with hoses and elevated water streams from aerial ladder truck companies.

Division Chief Jim Holdridge stated, “The training was greatly appreciated by fire fighters from throughout the County, and the “Brunoland” training activity was a very positive and high-profile event for our Department to host.” This tremendous training opportunity provided by the Navy site developers allowed fire crews to practice firefighting skills and techniques in unoccupied office buildings and private housing without concern for damage since the entire site was to be demolished. It is

seldom these days that fire agencies receive the advantage and valuable training of using actual building structures for fire service training. In addition to all of the San Bruno Fire Department personnel and apparatus, other participants included

Daly City, Millbrae, South San Francisco, Burlingame, San Mateo, Redwood City, South County Fire Authority, Foster City and San Mateo County/CDF.



(left) San Bruno firefighters practice roof-cutting for ventilation during fire training at the former Navy site.

THE CROSSING

(left) San Bruno Truck 51 and a South San Francisco truck are set up for firefighters to perform roof-cutting operations at the former Navy site.

(right) San Bruno Truck 51 and engines from other fire departments are positioned for training.

(below) San Bruno firefighters practice roof-cutting for ventilation using an axe during fire training.



(right) Firefighters assemble at San Bruno Truck 51 to go to the roof for ventilation cutting operations at the former Navy site.

(below) Firefighters receive a briefing (from Division Chief Jim Holdridge) prior to commencing fire training scenarios.



THE ABC'S OF PARKING

The San Bruno Police Department responds to thousands of parking related problems and complaints each year. Most often, they result in either a warning or citation being issued to the offender. The City streets are public and anyone can park upon them, provided they do so lawfully. The following are the most common concerns we hear about, along with suggestions that will help alleviate parking problems:

- * City streets are not to be used for the storage of vehicles. To legally park a vehicle on a City street, it must be fully operational and have current registration. The law requires vehicles to be moved every 72 hours; otherwise, they can be cited and/or towed. This also applies to motor homes and boats. When possible, use your garage or driveway for parking.

- * It is illegal to park blocking a sidewalk. This can create a hazard forcing pedestrians to walk around the vehicle. This is particularly difficult for people in wheelchairs and those pushing baby strollers who may have to go onto the street to pass.

- * Driving on the wrong side of the

street to park and parking on the wrong side of the street are illegal. This creates a hazardous situation that requires you to drive against oncoming traffic.

- * Parking on your own property is limited to certain locations. You may not park on your lawn, side yard or backyard. Parking a motor home or boat on your side yard next to your residence is authorized, provided certain conditions are met. The area must be paved, cement or brick, and a 6-foot high fence must be erected to obscure the vehicle from the front and side yards.

- * Parking a vehicle on a City street for vehicle repairs is illegal. You may only work on your vehicle in your driveway or garage. Vehicle repairs conducted in your driveway are restricted to flat-tire repairs, changing oil, or minor tune-ups, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., and only one vehicle at a time.

All other work must be done inside your garage.

On-street parking is limited. 2000 census figures indicate there are over 14,600 households in San Bruno. The Police Department has limited resources and needs your help in addressing these concerns. With your assistance, we can make our streets a little safer and be a good neighbor. For more information, you may contact Corporal Kevin McEvoy of the San Bruno Police Department at (650) 616-7115.



CITY OF SAN BRUNO NEW BUSINESS LICENSES FOR 1/1/02 THROUGH 3/31/02

The following businesses have opened in San Bruno or had a change in ownership. We encourage you to visit these new businesses and shop locally, as a portion of the sales tax paid is returned to the City and used to provide City services.

BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS TYPE	BUSINESS ADDRESS	PHONE NO.
Bogey Dogs	Hot Dog Cart	2101 Sneath Lane	650-291-1640
Environmental Microbiology Laboratory, Inc.	Indoor Air Quality Testing Lab	1150 Bayhill Dr #100	650-991-3436
Foodimagineering USA	Food Manufacturer	1270 Montgomery Ave	650-583-3663
Kid's Club	Skate Shoes for Kids	Kiosk in Tanforan Mall	650-201-5472
Kids Plus Sizes & Gifts	E-Commerce of Kids Plus Sizes	114 Skycrest Center	650-619-4968
Mail Boxes Etc.	Mail Box Service, Shipping & Packaging	723 Camino Plaza	650-872-2494
Mr. Pickles Sandwich Shop	Deli	428 San Bruno Ave. West	650-615-9985
Postal Annex Store 450	Shipping & Packaging	27 Bayhill Shopping Center	650-873-6593
Swan Skin Care	Facials, Electrolysis, Dermabrasion	360 El Camino Real	650-553-0087
Tonie's Hair	Station at Ceci Hair Salon	1710-B El Camino Real	650-281-4004
Unison International Corporation	International Investment & Advisory Service	1001 Bayhill Dr., 2nd Floor	650-877-0780

SIDEWALKS BECOME MORE USER-FRIENDLY

In 2001, the City of San Bruno was awarded \$32,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds to provide curb cuts for increased accessibility by pedestrians with disabilities and wheelchair access in our central City area. In the 2001-02 Capital Improvement Program budget, the City decided to supplement these funds with local money to provide a more comprehensive project. The construction, which began on April 23, 2002, will provide continuous access via handicap ramp curb cuts at all street corners along both Euclid Avenue and Forest Lane between El Camino Real and Huntington Avenue, and from the east side of San Mateo Avenue to Seventh Avenue along Walnut Avenue.



COMMUNITY PROMOTION GRANT ALLOCATIONS

“Helping non-profit organizations serving our citizens and community.”

Many non-profit groups serving the San Bruno community have received financial assistance from the San Bruno City Council. Each year, the City Clerk's office receives requests from non-profit organizations needing assistance. These grant requests are reviewed by the City Council during the budget hearing process, and an allocation of funds is approved as deemed appropriate. It is understood that grants are one-time allocations since such funds may not be available the following year.

The number of San Bruno residents being served and what benefits are provided to the City are key factors as to which groups receive an allocation of funds.

Here is a list of grants approved during the 2000-2002 budget period:

North San Mateo County Emergency Winter Homeless Shelter	\$25,000
Summer Jobs for Youth program	\$3,000
Capuchino Community Theatre	\$3,000
San Bruno Lions Posy Parade	\$3,000
San Bruno Chamber of Commerce	\$13,000
First Time Homebuyers Alliance	\$5,000
Shelter Network Program	\$7,500
North Peninsula Neighborhood Services	\$6,000
Human Investment Project	\$5,000
Christian Action Life Line (CALL)	\$3,000
Center for Domestic Violence Prevention	\$5,000
Youth and Family Assistance	\$1,000
Narita Sister City Committee	\$2,500
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	\$2,000
Second Harvest Food Bank	\$1,000
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	\$3,000
Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County	\$3,125
Sustainable Housing San Mateo County	\$1,500
Coats for Kids Program	\$500

Please call the City Clerk's office at (650) 616-7058 for additional information on this program.

Focus on ... YOUR QUESTIONS



When will the San Bruno Police Department move to their new location, and will there be any changes or reductions in service?

The San Bruno Police Department expects to move to the new location this summer. The Police Department deploys officers using a beat system that covers the entire City. There will be no reduction in the level of service or response times to emergency calls. The new facility will include an inviting lobby area, ample conference and briefing rooms, as well as increased storage space and a state-of-the-art detention facility and Public Safety Dispatch Center. Our address will change, but our telephone numbers and level of quality service will remain the same.



What is the reason for the removal of mature trees in the City's parks?

Parks maintenance crews perform monthly inspections of all Parks grounds, including the trees. If problems are noted, such as die-back in the leaf canopy of a tree, major broken limbs, or other indicators of weakness or decay, a more detailed inspection is performed by the City's Certified Arborist. This arborist's inspection will involve an examination of the tree's root zone, an assessment of the tree's structural balance, and a pest inspection. If the arborist determines that the tree is unsafe, initial remedies such as pruning or cabling of the tree to provide support or balance, treatment by soil-injected insecticides, or aeration of the root zone will be evaluated. The tree will be removed only if it is determined that none of these options will render the tree safe. Since parks are public areas, more caution is taken in ensuring against unsafe trees than might be warranted on private property or in an open space environment. Every time a tree is removed in a City park, it is replaced by a new planting in accordance with adopted policies. While removal and replacement of a mature tree is always a last resort, sometimes it is necessary for the protection of the users of our parks.



Are inflatable jumpers allowed in San Bruno City Park?

Inflatable jumpers are not allowed in any San Bruno City Park. San Bruno City Parks do not have electricity to inflate a jumper, and the noise from a generator is too loud in a park setting. In addition, jumpers are not allowed due to the increased liability issues that may arise.



How can a citizen complain about aircraft noise?

In a continuing attempt to maintain an efficient and responsive Noise Abatement Office at San Francisco International Airport, the complaint process has been made more accessible and responsive. A new toll-free number has been established so that citizens may call without charges. The number is: (877) 206-8290.

Citizens wishing to record a complaint are advised to provide as much information to the noise office as possible. The more precise the caller can be regarding the exact time, duration and place of the occurrence, as well as any information on the airline name, aircraft type, or other identifying details, the more likely the operation in question can be identified and investigated.



How are complaints responded to?

All complaints receive a response. In general, phone calls and letters receive a written response either by postcard or letter. In some cases, especially at Community Roundtable meetings, responses are made personally. If a person wishes to be contacted by telephone, three (3) attempts are made to reach the individual and at least one (1) message is left, if possible.

Telephone tallies, along with trends and recent events, are reported on a monthly basis to the Airport Community Roundtable during their public meetings. The Airport Community Roundtable meets at the Millbrae Community Center, 477 Lincoln Circle, Millbrae, CA, at 7:00 pm, on the first Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact Dave Carbone, Roundtable Coordinator, at (650) 821-3570.

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS (Area Code 650)

Building Permits	616-7076
Business Licenses	616-7032
Cable TV	877-8889
City Clerk	616-7058
City Council	616-7060
City Manager	616-7056
Finance	616-7080
Fire - Business	616-7096
Graffiti Hotline	616-7141
Library	616-7078
Neighborhood Improvement	616-7074
Recreation	616-7180
Human Resources Division	616-7055
Parks	616-7195
Planning	616-7074
Police - Business	616-7100
Public Works/ Corp. Yard	616-7160
Public Works/ Engineering	616-7065
Senior Center	616-7150
Streets	616-7161
Utility Billing	616-7086

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FOCUS, previously included as part of the Recreation brochure, is now being mailed separately to all residents and businesses. We welcome your comments. Please call Steve Rogers, Assistant City Manager, at (650) 616-7051, or email him at srogers@ci.sanbruno.ca.us.